

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 26, 2007 has been carefully considered. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1, 2, 5-8, 10, 11 and 14 are in this application.

The previously submitted claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,651,380 to Ogden. Applicant submits that the teachings of this reference do not teach or suggest the invention defined by the patent claims.

U.S. Patent No. 4,651,380 to Ogden discloses a portable vacuum cleaning machine which contains two blowers which are interconnected and are adapted for series or parallel blower operation. Valve 105 selectively switches or diverts the exhaust blow path of the second vacuum blower 96 (1) into the inlet 101 of the first vacuum blower 95 to provide series-connected vacuum suction, or (2) into the second exhaust stack 106 to provide parallel vacuum suction.

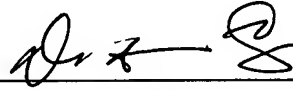
In contrast to the invention defined by the present claims Ogden does not teach or suggest a carpet cleaning system including two blower members being connected in parallel in combination with a third blower member being configured in series. Applicant has unexpectedly found that connecting two blowers in parallel and adding a third blower in series both increases air flow through the vacuum assembly and increases vacuum pressure created by the vacuum assembly to increase water lift. Applicant has found that the cleaning system of the present invention can be used in industrial cleaning to clean a large area up to 800 feet. In contrast, Ogden teaches that the blower motors are connected either in parallel or series. Applicant submits that when two vacuum blowers are connected in parallel they double their air flow. However, the water lift remains the power of the vacuum blower. On the other hand, when vacuum blowers are connected in series they increase the water lift. However, the air flow is the power of one vacuum blower. There is no teaching or suggestion in Ogden of the combination of a third blower being coupled in series with a first and second blower being coupled in parallel and the advantages of this combination. Accordingly, the invention defined by the present claims is not obvious in view of Ogden.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and request that all claims be allowed. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should he believe that this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is

believed that no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

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